

# The Scuba Scoop

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**Saginaw Underwater Explorers**  
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**Club Meetings-**  
7:30pm on the 2d Tues  
of each month. Held at  
Sag. Twp. Fire Station #1  
on Shattuck Rd

**Officers-**  
**President:**  
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**Editor:**  
Don Storck 642 8436  
**Dive Coordinator/Ambassador:**  
Tom Fritz 771 3649

**Club Dues-**  
\$20 per year  
**This Meeting:**  
December 11  
**Next Meeting:**  
January 8

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## 2001 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The membership has been invited by the gracious Lisk family to enjoy the SUE Christmas party at the Lisk ranch again. This will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup>(Sat'y); plan on arriving around 6-6:30. Earlier arrivals will be put to work as always...

Bring a dish to share, your choice of beverage, and a bottle opener. Hey; whadya say everyone wear something red or green this year; it will make a nice scene when Terry takes pictures. Of course, he will be sharing these with the 'SCOOP'. Know how to get there? From the intersection of Fort & Dixie Hwy in Bridgeport (by the state police post), go south on Fort, over the river and through the woods..., just a few miles to 5790 Fort. See you there!

## COMPRESSOR DOWN; TEMP

Last week the gang of John Ruthig, Don Cunningham, Dale Purchase, and Don Storck risked rupture and removed the air tanks at the compressor station to Gale Fire Protection for hydro testing. This will be about a 2 week down time, and things should be up and running again right after the club meeting. No problems are expected; call compressor chair Don C with any questions.

## ON THE AGENDA...

We have a couple of decisions to make at this meeting, and the club needs your input. Are we having a spring dive show this year? Plans for it must start now, and a committee is needed to take charge. SVSU seems to be the best site, and we may not be able to get it if we wait any longer. Speakers and exhibitors also must be scheduled now. Another item that needs an answer is if we are serious about setting up the portable dive tank. It would seem like a good idea to get it in the public's eye with a demo prior to the dive show to call attention to the show. The tank needs work, and we have to commit to its repair.

## DIVE NEWS

With the exceptionally mild weather we've had lately, I would hope a lot of people have gotten out and made some late-fall dives. Tom Fritz, Ron Fritz, and myself

got one dive in at Lake Cadillac looking for antique bottles. Vis wasn't great, water temp was in the low 40's, but it was a fun dive. Ron and Mike Kowalski made the trip again the following week. There's a story about a train falling off the tracks into the lake sometime in past history, and it sounds like something worth following up. Anyone else done any cold water diving? In contrast, Dale Purchase has spent the last month in Florida and points south, getting in a lot of dives in warm, clear water. He has a lot of great pics; if he reads this let me remind him to bring them to the meeting...

## CLUB POOL SWIMS

As a thought to warmer water, the first pool swim of the winter will be on Jan 13 from 6 to 7:30. The pool swims will again be held at Garber HS pool, in Essexville. Plan on the swims each Sunday following the club meeting through April(?).

## RENEW NOW at \$20

Last chance!; next month dues will be \$25. If you've lost your application form, you can get one at the meeting. You can also request one via e-mail. Just send an e/m to the editor with 'send application' in the subject.

A proposal is being considered to change the constitution to read- new members will pay a \$25 initiation fee to cover their dues upon joining; then they will fall under the regular membership dues stated previously.

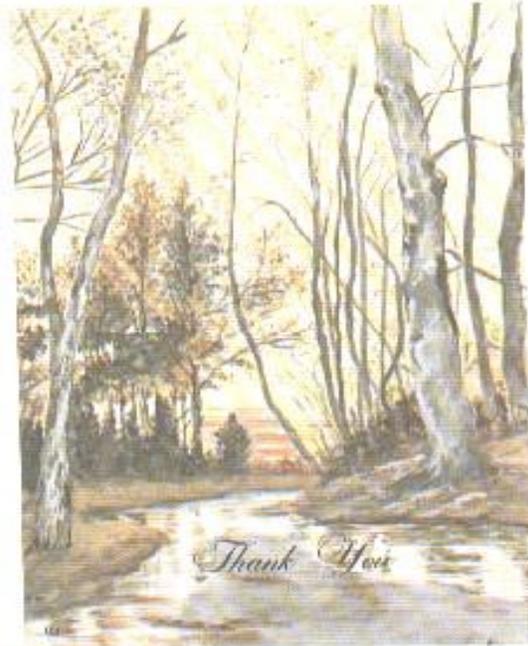
## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING @ SUE

Still offering the following in time for xmas-  
Sweats-

- Hooded; w/zipper.....\$30
- Crew neck.....\$22
- Hooded; pull-over.....\$28
- T-shirts-.....\$10
- Caps.....\$15

Call Mike Kowalski at 8922028 to order items now. (Payment is expected with order.)

*The Saginaw Underwater Explorers has received a very nice thank you card from the family of Dan Gunther. The SCOOP is sharing it here with all the members.*



*Thank you for sending  
the beautiful pink/blue  
silk tree with bird,  
and for making that very  
touching news letter.*

*Dan was very proud to  
be a member of your  
group.*

*Dear members of S.U.E.,  
Your kind expression  
of sympathy  
is deeply appreciated  
and gratefully acknowledged*

*The family of  
Daniel J. Gunther*

## **EVENT CALENDAR**

|                 |           |                        |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|
| <b>December</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>Club Meeting</b>    |
|                 | <b>15</b> | <b>Christmas Party</b> |
| <b>January</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>Club Meeting</b>    |
|                 | <b>13</b> | <b>Pool Swim</b>       |

## Scuba Scoop

Don Storck  
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Hemlock, MI  
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*NOTE! Attend the Dec meeting and get a chance to win a club cap!*

**The staff and management of the SCOOP, along with all the stockholders, would like to wish its faithful readers Season's Greetings; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

## For Sale

Val Geidans has a new 5mm one piece wetsuit. OCEANreef therm-x suit XL; retails at \$325. For the right caller, \$165! Talk to him for details at 7927077 or 7811552

Tim Cambell (893 1568) has a commercial dry suit (off shore) with 2 sets of insulation (light/heavy), hood, boots, finger gloves, SAS regulators with Tekna Computek dive computer, Atpac B.C., fins, 2 tanks- 72s, twin tank bands, yoke, and misc items.  
Excellent condition. All for \$2000.

Dan Palmer (689 5197) has a Nikonos V, 2 lenses, close-up framers, 2 strobes & more; \$1350 or best! Blue plastic coated weights; \$.50/lb. 25lb Pro shot belt; \$20. Small dry suit w/ woolies; \$75. Large dry suit w/ woolies; \$250.

## Wanted

Ron Burkhard is looking for a 40 cu ft Pony Tank. Contact him at 989 428 5177 or e/m [rapturejmb@hotmail.com](mailto:rapturejmb@hotmail.com)

Bill Atkins is looking for a 30-50 gal aquarium tank before winter sets in. 684-5847

Don Storck (642 8436) would like to find a source for hose connectors; specifically a flexible nut for a high pressure hose....

### Policy and Disclaimer:

Items listed in For Sale/Wanted will continue to be listed for one year unless the "Scoop" is notified otherwise. Saginaw Underwater Explorers and "The Scuba Scoop" are not responsible for anything posted here.